

State of Idaho Scholarship for students who have earned College Credits while in High School

Scholarship Amounts, Requirements:

- \$1,000/yr for two years if student has 10 college credits upon graduation from HS
- \$2,000/yr for two years if student has 20 college credits upon graduation from HS
- \$3,000/yr for two years if student has associates degree upon graduation from HS

Scholarship Elements:

- Student must attend public college/university in the state of Idaho to receive one of these scholarships
- To receive these scholarships, students must have a merit-based scholarship match, per year, per dollar
- The 10 or 20 credits are credits that are accepted by the Idaho college or university
- College credits may be earned by Dual Credit, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Professional Technical Dual Credit, or College Attendance
- Students will have four calendar years after HS graduation to expend the two years worth of scholarships
- Students must have been educated in Idaho public or charter schools for at least the four years prior to HS graduation. Less than that the scholarship is pro-rated.
- Half of the annual scholarship will be awarded each semester
- All scholarship funds will be sent to the college
- Colleges will provide the administration for matching the merit based scholarships with the College Credit scholarships.
- State Board of Education will provide the administration for tracking which students have used a portion, or all, of their four semesters of these College Credit scholarships.

Scholarship Goals:

- More Idaho High School graduates **go on** to college (from **46% up to 65%** over a 10 year period)
- More students major in fields in which good paying jobs are readily available upon college graduation (2yr or 4 yr), and in which Idaho businesses have expressed a need for employees (2% of jobs due to growth are Liberal Arts, 43% of college majors in Idaho are Liberal Arts. – Bob Lokken)
- More Idaho High School graduates **stay in Idaho to attend college** (Need baseline and goal data) -- (Businesses say that if students attend Idaho HS's, then Idaho colleges, they are more likely to enter the workforce in Idaho.)
- More students take regular math and English courses in college, rather than taking **remedial courses** (presently 46% take remedial math, 48% take remedial English- **reduce to 15%**)
- More students **stay in college** for the second year (from **60% up to 85%** over a 10 year period)
- These scholarships will be used equally by two year and four year college students. (Welding fabrication, mechanics, computer programming, medical fields, etc.)
- More students step up and **work harder while they are in secondary school** (One component of reaching the American Dream is hard work!!) “Nearly every HS student could earn at least 10 college credits if they really wanted to” – Andy Grover, Melba Superintendent

Other side benefits:

- Reduce the amount of debt students incur while earning a degree.